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**Section 1. Claims**

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A shoulder mount for a flashlight comprising:

a shoulder mount assembly;

a ball joint;

a flashlight-retaining member;

the shoulder mount assembly comprising a first rigid plate;

the first rigid plate having an integral extension that curves downward towards the front of a user;

the first rigid plate having a spring biased member that attaches to a second rigid plate that impinges on a rear shoulder of the user;

the first rigid plate having a plurality of threaded apertures, each said aperture retaining a threaded screw, the threaded screw having an attached thumb screw;

the first rigid plate having ~~an a pair of integral spacer and a rigid strap retaining plate attached to the integral spacers~~ overhanging tabs opposably arranged, said tabs being capable of retaining an epaulet between said tabs and said threaded screws;

the first rigid plate having the ball joint member attached to an upper surface of the first rigid plate;

the flashlight-retaining member comprising a base plate;

the base plate having two arms, each arm on an opposite side of the base plate; the

arms each retaining a compression spring;

the springs holding up a pair of shafts;

the shafts supporting a pair of rollers at a height sufficient to retain a barrel of a flashlight;

the base plate having a mating ball joint attached to a lower surface of the base plate allowing the flashlight-retaining member to be angled up or down or swiveled from side to side.

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Claim 2 (Currently amended):

A shoulder mount for a flashlight as claimed in claim 1 wherein an adapter sleeve is provided that allows flashlights of smaller diameter to fit retainably within said flashlight holding member.

Claim 3 (Currently amended):

The shoulder mount for a flashlight as claimed in claim 1 further including a threaded rod having a tightening knob, the threaded rod inserted inside the base plate of the flashlight retaining member, wherein the base plate of the flashlight retaining member is divided into two parts, one part being stationary and the other part being movable, with the threaded rod threadably connecting the two parts and the tightening knob protruding out to one side of the base plate whereby the arms may be moved toward and away from each other to allow different diameter flashlight barrels to be secure yet removable.

Claim 4 (Currently amended):

The shoulder mount for a flashlight as claimed in claim 1 further including an iron-on epaulet sized to fit into the strap retaining plate having an upper side and a lower side, the lower side having a left end, a middle area and a right end, wherein the left end and the right end each have heat sensitive adhesive thereon.

Claim 5 (Currently amended):

The shoulder mount for a flashlight as claimed in claim 1 wherein the strap retaining plate comprises an attachment means for an epaulet or for a strap that goes extends toward the front and back of the user.